

II. Amendment to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 29 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- FIG. 3 shows another embodiment of apparatus 70 for reducing bony fragments and maintaining one or more bones of a human's wrist and hand in a healing position whereby first clamp assembly 72 may include clamp assembly head 77, C-shaped bracket 74, ~~clamp assembly bolt 75~~, and connector rod fastener 76. First clamp assembly 72 may or may not be slidable along the longitudinal axis of external fixator 20. Once a desired position is obtained, a clamp assembly bolt (not expressly shown) may be tightened to hold first clamp assembly 72 in position. Clamp assembly 72 may or may not include a locking mechanism. Connector rod 78 may include a double prong longitudinal extension that couples to connector rod fastener 76. Connector rod 78 is preferably slidable through connector rod fastener 76. When the desired position is obtained, connector rod 78 may be secured into position by tightening head 77 of first clamp assembly 72. Connector rod 78 tapers into a single prong that enlarges at its distal end into a protuberance that engages ulna clamp assembly 86. Ulna pin clamp 82 may include one or more pairs of holes such that it may be threaded onto bone pins 66 protruding from the ulna or any other suitable bone on the ulnar aspect of the wrist, arm or hand. Once ulna pin clamp 82 is positioned over ulna bone pins 66 it can be tightened by screwing down ulna pin clamp tightening mechanism 84. --